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ABSTRACT	
1. This report summarizes the major armor developments in the Wu-han Military Region (MR) observed on KEYHOLE photography of November 1974. A table shows the activity observed at the active armor installations in the MR during November. The report also contains a location map and two photographs.	
INTRODUCTION	
2. During November 1974 several developments were observed within the armor forces deployed in the Wu-han MR (Figure 1). An overall increase of 50 percent was noted in the November armor count in comparison to the amount of armor observed	25X <sup>-</sup>
BASIC DESCRIPTION	
3. a probable armored regiment was identified at Mao-chi Army Barracks AL 1. Sixty-seven tanks and four M-1967 APCs were parked on the northern edge of the barracks area. This was the first identification of armor at this installation, when five tanks were present. Initial construction of this barracks area was observed, and the installation was in a late stage of construction, when 73 tanks and three probable M-1967 APCs were present (Figure 2). A mixed AAA battery consisting of four 37mm AA guns and two ZPU-4s was also identified at Mao-chi. This mixed AAA battery has been observed almost exclusively with armored regiments in other military regions.	25X′ 25X′ 25X′ 25X′ 25X′
4. A probable armored regiment was identified at Chia-hsien Army Barracks NW on  A total of 59 tanks were observed in this barracks area on  Initial construction of this area was observed  ), when eight tanks were present. This must allation was in a mid-to-late stage of construction when 60 tanks were present.	25X1 2(25X1 25X 25X
5. A probable armored regiment was observed in Chueh-shan AAA Training Area AL 5 on Seventy-six tanks, 14 M-1967 APCs, and three armored vehicles, which were not present on 1 November, were involved in this exercise. The grouping and amount of armor permitted the identification of three tank battalions and a probable reconnaissance company in this exercise.	25X1
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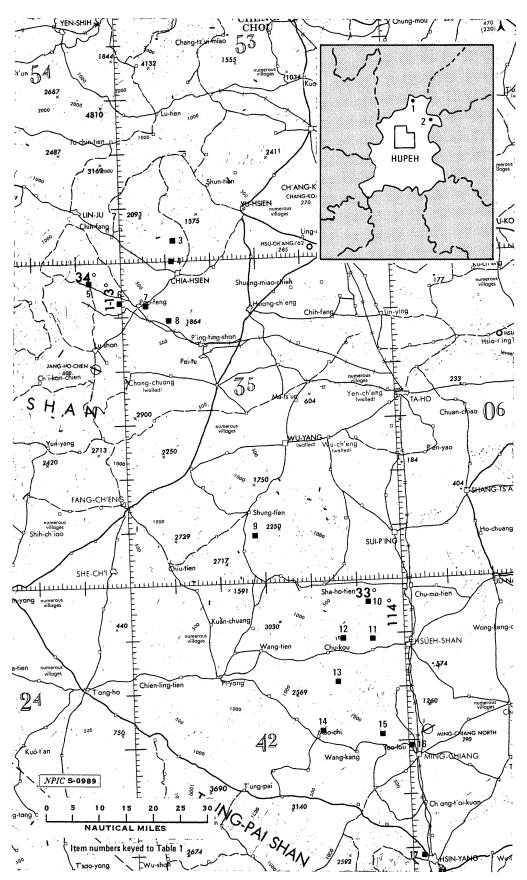


FIGURE 1. LOCATIONS OF ACTIVE ARMOR INSTALLATIONS IN THE WU-HAN MR

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Table 1. Armor Activity, Wu-han Military Region, China, November 1974 (Keyed to Figure 1)

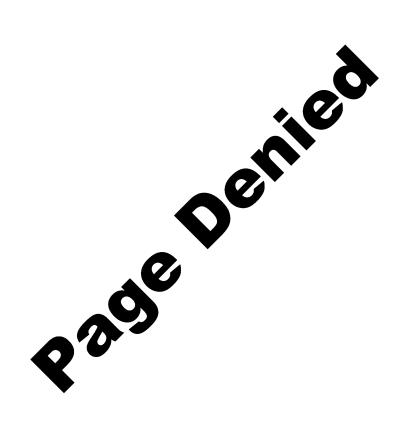
Item	Installation Name BE Number Coordinates	Unit Size	Armor Cou	int	Remarks	25 <b>X</b> 1
1	Shui-yeh Army Bks NE AL 1	Tank/assault	23 tanks,	30 tanks,		20/(1
•	36-08-37N 114-07-09E	gun regiment	3 prob SU-76, 6 armored vehicles	4 SU-76s		25X1
2	Shang-chiu Army Bks AL 2	Prob school	2 prob type-59 tanks	2 prob tanks		25 <b>X</b> 1
	34-26-03N 115-38-49E					20/(1
3	Chia-hsien Army Bks AL 1 34-04-00N 113-09-50E	Training area	None	None	Installation does not appear to permanently house an armor unit; rather, it appears to serve	25X1
	Chia haina Assau Blea NIM	Prob armor	59 tanks	60 tanks	as a training facility	
4	Chia-hsien Army Bks NW	regiment	59 tanks	60 taliks		25 <b>X</b> 1
	34-00-20N 113-11-00E			_		20/(1
5	Ta-ying Army Bks AL 1	Unknown	Installation not covered	3 poss armored		25 <b>X</b> 1
	33-55-00N 112-52-30E			vehicles		20/(1
6	Pao-feng Army Bks AL 3 33-53-10N 112-59-40E	Poss tank battalion	Installation not covered	None		25 <b>X</b> 1
7	Pao-feng Army Bks AL 4	Unknown	1 poss armored	5 poss		
	33-52-30N 113-05-10E		vehicle	armored vehicles		25 <b>X</b> 1
8	Pao-feng Army Bks AL 2	Poss tank	10 tanks	9 tanks	Tanks were parked in a civilian	
	33-49-50N 113-09-00E	battalion			housing area 3.0 nm SE of barracks area	25X1
9	Shang-chuang Ar Bks/ Armor Tng Area AL 1	Training area	12 tanks, 1 armored vehicle	11 tanks, 6 prob tanks	Installation does not appear to permanently house an armor unit; rather, it appears to serve	2574
	33-08-40N 113-26-30E		vermore	taints	as a training facility	25 <b>X</b> 1
10	Chu-ma-tien Army Bks AL 1 32-55-50N 113-51-25E	Poss armored division hq	13 tanks	13 tanks	AAA regiment with 2 mixed AAA batteries is also housed at this installation	25X1
11	Chueh-shah Army Bks AL 2	Prob tank	19 tanks	21 tanks		
	32-48-59N 113-53-06E	battalion				25X1
12	Chueh-shan Army Bks AL 6	Unknown	None	None	Although no armor has been ob-	
	32-48-20N 113-47-20E				served at this installation since track activity remained heavy throughout the	25X25X1 25X i
13	Chuch chan AAA Tag	Training area	None	76 tanks,	area Armor in this area on was	25X1
13	Chueh-shan AAA Tng Area AL 5	Training area	None	14 M-1967	prob from the Ming-chiang Hq Inf	25/1
	32-47-05N 113-48-00E			APCs, 3 armored vehicles	Div and Ar Bks NW AL 1	25X1
14	Mao-chi Army Bks AL 1 32-31-55N 113-41-20E	Prob armored regiment	67 tanks, 4 M-1967 APCs	73 tanks, 3 prob M-1967 APCs	A mixed AAA battery was present on both	25X15X1
15	Ming-chiang Ar Bks/ Armor Tng Area AL 4	Unknown	8 tanks	8 tanks	Tanks were parked approx 3.0 nm NE of the barracks area	
	32-30-20N 113-55-20E					25 <b>X</b> 1
16	Ming-chiang Hq Inf Div and Ar Bks NW AL 1	Prob armored regiment	38 tanks, 15 M-1967 APCs, 3 armored	None	Unit was probably training on at Chueh-shan AAA Tng Area	25X1 25X1
	32-29-06N 114-00-50E		vehicles		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	25 <b>X</b> 1
17	Hsin-yang Armd Div Hq and Inf Sch/Bks AL 1	School/repair facility	1 tank, 2 armored vehicles	3 tanks, 3 prob armored vehicles		25X1
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6. The probable armored regiment training at Chueh-shan may have come
from the Ming-chiang Headquarters Infantry Division and Army Barracks NW AL 1.
38 tanks, 15 M-1967 APCs, and three armored vehicles were observed at Ming-chiang.
the day the exercise was in progress at Chueh-shan, no armor was observed at Ming-chiang. With
the exception of Ming-chiang, no decrease in tanks was noted at any
of the other armor installations in the area. While the count of armored vehicles other than tanks
for Ming-chiang and Chueh-shan was almost identical, the 76 tanks
observed at Chueh-shan were 38 more than the number of tanks which had been
observed at Ming-chiang. However, the tank maintenance facility at Ming-chiang has
vehicle/equipment storage buildings with at least 45 bays for tracked vehicles. This is more than
enough to hold the additional 38 tanks which were observed with the unit at Chueh-shan
In addition, construction of new barracks and additions to vehicle/equipment storage
buildings has occurred at the Ming-chiang tank maintenance facility since mid-1973 (Figure 3),
indicating that the tank/assault gun regiment previously reported at Ming-chiang is probably being
upgraded to an armored regiment.
7. A possible headquarters for the armored division which is forming in the Wu-han MR was
identified at Chu-ma-tien Army Barracks AL 1. This barracks area is in a midstage of construction,
and the types of buildings which have been completed indicate that the installation will house a
headquarters or administration-type unit. The presence of 13 tanks and extensive vehicle/equipment
storage buildings under construction indicates that the unit housed here will be armor associated.
An AAA unit made up of six 6-gun batteries was also present within this installation. Four of these
batteries consist of six 37mm AA guns, while two are mixed AAA batteries made up of four 37mm AA guns and two ZPU-4s each.
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8. The artillery regiment for this armored division is at Chu-ma-tien Army Barracks AL 2.
eighteen 85/100mm field guns, twelve 122mm howitzers, and ten probable mortars
were observed at this installation, which is approximately 2 nautical miles west of Chu-ma-tien Army
Barracks AL 1.
9. Since mid-1973 the usual count of armor observed in the Wu-han MR has been approximately
220 armored vehicles. 287 armored vehicles were identified within the MR, and
347 armored vehicles were identified. These order-of-battle counts are significant
increases in the amount of armor observed within the MR
10. This increased count of armor was observed despite the poor interpretability of photography
over some known armor installations the Pao-feng/Ta-ying area was
covered on oblique photography, making an accurate count of armor difficult. Previous coverage has indicated that an armored regiment is probably housed in the installations in this area.

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